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# THIRTY-FIRST SESSION

OF THE

# Little Rock Annual Conference

OF THE

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JAMES H. LENOW, M.D.,

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CLAIBORNE WATKINS, M.D., Physical Diagnosis and Clinical Medicine.

LOUIS R. STARK, M.D., Gynæcology.

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All communications should be addressed to

R. G. JENNINGS, Secretary of Faculty,

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

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#### ROLL OF MEMBERS.

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#### LAY DELEGATES.

J. H. Shoppach,\*
W. M. Pack,
J. G. Thweatt,
R. N. Ross, L. P.,
J. A. Curlin,
W. F. Matlock,
M. M. Kesterson,\*
R. F. Stockton,

W. H. Wheeler,\*
J. M. Remley,\*
Dr. R. A. Bethune,
A. D. Breedlove,
R. B. Vaughan,
A. S. Holderness,\*
S. B. Baird,
A. D. Wren,

T. W. Hays, L. P., G. E. Bryant,\* J. H. Arnold,\* D. W. L. Kanawha, W. T. Crouch, T. M. East, Stephen Winstead, E. B. Hotchkiss.

\* Not in attendance.

#### MINUTES.

THE thirty-first session of the Little Rock Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South, was convened in the First Methodist Church, South, Little Rock, at nine o'clock A.M. November 26, 1884, Bishop R. K. Hargrove, D.D., presiding. J. R. Moore was Secretary; J. G. Thweatt, Assistant Secretary; and E. N. Evans, Statistical Secretary.

The following committees, on nomination of the presiding elders, were con-

firmed:

Public Worship—C. C. Godden, A. R. Winfield, and H. Jewell.

Books and Periodicals—A. Hunter, R. C. Atchley, R. M. Traylor, W. J. Stone, W. S. Scott, Z. T. McCann, T. W. Hays, W. F. Matlock, R. A. Bethune, J. G. Thweatt, T. M. East, and A. D. Wren.

Conference Relations-J. J. Jenkins, John F. Carr, E. N. Watson, L. B. Haw-

ley, H. Jewell, J. D. Whiteside.

Temperance—H. Jewell, J. F. Carr, J. R. Thornton.

Church Property—J. H. Gold, W. T. Crouch. Bible Cause—J. E. Caldwell, W. M. Pack, A. B. Winfield.

District Conference Records—E. B. Hotchkiss, J. M. Cline, J. R. Sanders.

#### DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. Who are admitted on trial? Joseph A. Baker, Rowland J. Tyner, John W. F. Scott, Wm. R. Harrison, Wm. A. Freeman.

Ques. 2. Who remain on trial? John T. Rascoe, W. W. Mills, Achilles O. Evans, Lorenzo W. House, A. Soule Scott, James Y. Christmas, John H. Calloway, J. W. Berry, O. H. Kaedle.

Ques. 3. Who are discontinued? None.

Ques. 4. Who are admitted into full connection? E. L. Beard, J. B. Thomas,

A. P. Few, T. A. Hearn, M. B. Hill, S. H. Parker, and G. W. Logan.

Ques. 5. Who are readmitted? None.

Ques. 6. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Ruffin T. Davis and S. C. Stone.

Ques. 7. Who are the deacons of one year? D'Arcy Vaughan, C. M. Keith, L. G. Johnson, J. R. Sanders, W. A. Steele, J. S. Nicholson, A. T. Galloway.

Ques. 8. What traveling preachers are elected deacons? T. A. Hearn and A.

P. Few.

Ques. 9. What traveling preachers are ordained deacons? T. A. Hearn and A. P. Few.

Ques. 10. What local preachers are elected deacons? A. O. Evans, David N. Pennington, Henry P. Blakeley, Wm. R. Harrison, and John G. McKean.

Ques. 11. What local preachers are ordained deacons? A. O. Evans, D. N. Pennington, Henry P. Blakeley, W. R. Harrison, J. G. McKean, and Horton

Ques. 12. What traveling preachers are elected elders? Elisha N. Evans, and Thos. G. Galloway.

Ques. 13. What traveling preachers are ordained elders? E. N. Evans and T. G. Galloway.

Ques. 14. What local preachers are elected elders? None. Ques. 15. What local preachers are ordained elders? None.

Ques. 16. Who are located this year? J. J. Crouch and W. T. Venable, at

their own request. Ques. 17. Who are supernumerary? H. Townsend, Joseph Turrentine, J. R.

Harvey, A. T. Galloway, W. J. Scott.

Ques. 18. Who are superannuated? W. P. Laney, J. E. Caldwell, R. H. Sanders, A. W. Simmons, A. Avery, J. A. Stanley, J. H. Blakeley, and B. Watson. Ques. 19. What preachers have died during the past year? S. G. Colburn, E.

L. Gaddie, J. G. Ward.

Ques. 20. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called over, one by one, and their characters examined and passed.

Ques. 21. What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference? Local preachers, 175; mem-

bers, 19,310.

Ques. 22. How many infants have been baptized during the year? 730. Ques. 23. How many adults have been baptized during the year? 1,304.

Ques. 24. What is the number of Sunday-schools? 255.

Ques. 25. What is the number of officers and teachers? 1,393.

Ques. 26. What is the number of Sunday-school scholars? 10,395.

Ques. 27. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the

widows and orphans of preachers? \$2,531.

Ques. 28. What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied? \$1,863. (For application see report of the Joint Board of Finance.)

Ques. 29. What has been collected for missions? Domestic, \$1,221.85; foreign,

\$3,078.55.

Ques. 30. What are the educational statistics? One district high school; 1 house, value \$1,500; 1 teacher; 1 assistant.

Ques. 31. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Arkadelphia.

Ques. 32. Where are the preachers stationed this year? As follows:

#### APPOINTMENTS.

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.—C. C. GODDEN, P. E.

Little Rock, First Church, H. Jewell; J. R. Harvey, supernumerary. Little Rock, Spring Street, E. N. Evans. Benton Station, L. B. Hawley; H. Townsend, supernumerary. Benton Circuit, E. N. Watson. Collegeville Circuit, C. M. Keith. Maumelle Circuit, W. W. Mills. Liberty and Pleasant Grove, A. Hunter. Lonoke Station, A. O. Evans. Austin Circuit, J. A. Bigg.

Hickory Plains Circuit, Z. T. McCann. Des Arc Station, H. W. Brooks. White River Circuit, to be supplied by Isaac N. Pace. Hazen Circuit, R. T. Davis. Carlisle Circuit, A. D. Jenkins. Galloway Circuit, J. M. Cline. Little Rock City Mission, A. R. Winfield. Editor Arkansas Methodist, A. R. Winfield.

#### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.—J. H. RIGGIN, P. E.

Pine Bluff Station, John F. Carr. Sheridan Circuit, H. H. Watson. Toledo Circuit, E. L. Beard. New Edinburgh Circuit, G.W. Mathews. Lehia Circuit, B. E. Mitchell. Auburn Circuit, to be supplied by R. H. Poynter.

Arkansas Post Circuit, to be supplied. DeWitt Circuit, Bascom Monk. Old River Circuit, W. J. Rodgers. Flat Bayou Circuit, W. J. Stone. Pine Bluff Mission, J. R. Sherwood. Pine Bluff Female Institute, W. H. Browning, Principal.

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.-H. D. McKinnon, P. E.

Arkadelphia Station, J. R. Moore. Clark Circuit, A. B. Winfield. Amity Circuit, L. G. Johnson. Gurdon Circuit, J. A. Baker. Caddo Circuit, J. S. Nicholson. Cedar Glades Mission, A. West. Mt. Ida Circuit, W. R. Harrison. Hot Springs Station, H. R. Withers.

Hot Springs Circuit, J. W. F. Scott.
Malvern Station, E. M. Pipkin.
Malvern Circuit, A. S. Scott.
Social Hill Circuit, W. A. Freeman.
Tulip Circuit, R. C. Atchley.
Princeton Circuit, A. Turrentine.
Agent Central Collegiate Institute, H.
R. Withers.

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT.—T. H. WARE, P. E.

Monticello Station, M. B. Hill.
Mt. Pleasant Circuit, J. H. Gold.
Selma Circuit, W. S. Scott.
Arkansas City Station, A. P. Few.
Holly Grove Circuit, J. T. Rascoe.
Collins Mission, R. J. Tyner.
Lake Village and Luna, T. A. Hearn.

Lacey Circuit, to be supplied by Jas. Stincil.
Hamburg Station, L. M. Keith.
Hamburg Circuit, L. W. House.
Bartholomew, J. Y. Christmas.
Palestine Circuit, S. H. Parker.
Warren Circuit, R. P. Wilson.

#### CAMDEN DISTRICT .- J. J. JENKINS, P. E.

Camden Station, John McLauchlan.
Camden Circuit, O. C. Robertson.
Ouachita Circuit, to be supplied by Jeff.
James.
Falcon Circuit, G. W. Logan.
Lewisville Circuit, J. W. Berry.
El Dorado Circuit, J. C. Rhodes.
Magnolia Station, C. D. McSwain.
Magnolia Circuit, W. A. Steele.

Hampton Circuit, J. M. D. Sturgis.
Carolina and Mount Vernon, D'Arcy Vaughan.
Lapile Circuit, E. Garrett.
Atlanta Circuit, J. D. Whiteside; J. Turrentine, supernumerary.
Bright Star Circuit, J. B. Thomas.
Harmony Grove Mission, H. Armstroug.

#### WASHINGTON DISTRICT.—D. T. HOLMES, P. E.

Washington Circuit, J. R. Sanders.
Fulton Circuit, O. H. Kaedle.
Hope Station, S. C. Stone.
Prescott Station, R. M. Traylor.
Midway Circuit, J. P. Holmes; A. T.
Galloway, supernumerary.
Mineral Springs Circuit, B. G. Johnson.
Center Point Circuit, J. M. G. Douglass.
Saline Circuit, J. H. Calloway.
Dallas Circuit, E. M. Wright.
Cove Mission, to be supplied by J. W.
Eads.

Chapel Hill Circuit, to be supplied by L. W. Evans.
Locksburg Circuit, W. J. Davis.
Richmond and Rocky Comfort, Wade Preston.
Little River Circuit, to be supplied by W. A. Wilson.
Texarkana Circuit, T. G. Galloway.
Murfreesboro Circuit, to be supplied by R. T. Nabors.
Bingen Institute, A. W. Robinson, Principal.

Transferred: F. D. Van Valkenburgh to Louisiana Conference; J. S. Carl to Tennessee Conference; W. C. Dunn to Louisville Conference; C. O. Steele to Pacific Conference.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION.

J. C. Rhodes, Secretary of the Board, and J. J. Jenkins, Treasurer, submitted their reports. They were received and adopted.

#### MISSIONS.

The Missionary Anniversary was held on Saturday night, at which addresses were made by the Revs. H. R. Withers, D.D, and D. C. Kelley, D.D. Missionary Day was made the order for 11 A.M. Saturday. Plans and methods were inquired into. A. D. Jenkins was elected Treasurer of the Mission Board.

#### MEMORIAL SERVICE

was made the order of the day for 11 A.M. Monday. Suitable memoirs of our deceased brethren, S. G. Colburn, E. L. Gaddie, and J. G. Ward, were read by A. R. Winfield. Addresses were made by Brothers Godden, Jewell, Hays, Withers, Cline, Browning, Riggin, Keith, Cunningham, Winfield, the Bishop, and Dr. Hunter. The congregation joined with the Conference in singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," and in prayer led by A. R. Winfield.

#### REPORTS.

The committees on Books and Periodicals, Bible Cause, Temperance, Church Property, District Conference Records, Centenary, the Sunday-school and Educational Boards, Joint Board of Finance, and the Statistical Secretary, submitted reports, which were adopted.

Brother Julius A. Stanley was reported very ill and very needy, whereupon a collection amounting to \$47.95 was taken.

#### INTRODUCTIONS.

The following-named persons were introduced to the Conference at different times during the session:

Wils. Williams, from the Publishing House; Rev. Dr. Elon Foster, of New York Conference, M. E. Church; Rev. J. W. Cunningham, of the St. Louis Conference; Revs. J. M. Clayton and V. V. Harlan, of the Arkansas Conference; Revs. J. C. Brown and S. L. Cochran, of the White River Conference; W. M. Patterson, D.D., Superintendent of Central Mexican Mission; Rev. E. M. Bounds, of the St. Louis Conference; W. H. Vernor, D.D., District Superintendent of American Bible Society; Rev. I. L. Burrow, President Central Collegiate Institute; T. R. Welch, D.D., pastor First Presbyterian Church, Little Rock; Rev. J. H. Dye, of the White River Conference; D. C. Kelley, D.D., Treasurer of the Missionary Board; David Morton, D.D., Secretary of the Church Extension Board; Rev. W. D. Mathews, of the Arkansas Conference; Prof. H. K. Taylor, President Logan Female College; Rev. J. B. Stephenson, of the Arkansas Conference; and Rev. — Reid, pastor Christian Church, Little Rock.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

On motion of J. R. Moore, it was ordered that the action of the last Conference, by which the Sunday-school Board was continued for four years, be rescinded, and the presiding elders be requested to nominate a board for the next year.

[Note.—The presiding elders failed to nominate.—Sec.]

Resolved, That we tender to the Rev. A. R. Winfield, D.D., our thanks for his strong, bold centennial sermon, which gave no uncertain sound, but had the good old-time Methodist ring; and that he be requested to publish said sermon in the Arkansas Methodist.

J. M. CLINE,

W. A. STEELE, J. C. RHODES.

Resolved, That W. A. Steele be appointed to see the brethren and ascertain the amounts they owe the late S. G. Colburn for Minutes of the last session of our Conference, collect the amounts and report to Brother Williams.

T. H. WARE, J. R. MOORE.

Whereas we have learned with deep sorrow of the serious and continued illness of our dearly beloved Bishop A. W. Wilson; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we tender our afflicted Bishop our deepest condolence, and beg leave to assure him that we will remember him in our prayers.

Resolved, That our Secretary send a copy of this resolution to the Bishop and his family.

A. R. WINFIELD, W. T. CROUCH.

Resolved, That the Centenary Committee be and it is hereby continued for the next twelve months, and we will use all laudable means to increase our centenary contributions.

J. F. Carr,
W. H. Browning.

Resolved, That we indorse and recommend Vanderbilt University to the people of this State as the peer of any university in our country, and that their sons can be as well educated there as at any college in the South, free from dissipation.

A. R. WINFIELD, J. R. MOORE.

Resolved, That our thanks are due and hereby tendered most heartily to the citizens of Little Rock for the very elegant hospitality which they have so gracefully dispensed to the members of this Conference; to the city churches that have opened their doors to us; and to the railroads which have granted us reduced rates.

J. R. Moore,
T. H. Ware.

Resolved, That each preacher is expected to bring the full amount of eight per cent. of his assessed salary for Conference claimants.

L. B. Hawley,
J. J. Jenkins,
E. M. Pipkin,
C. D. McSwain.

#### MEMOIRS.

Samuel G. Colburn was born December 13, 1848, and was consequently at his death thirty-five years old. He joined the M. E. Church, South, at the early age of ten years, and was converted at the age of fifteen, while attending McKenzie College. Although so young, he began at once to lead in the social meetings of the students to the delight and edification of all who heard him. He was licensed to preach and admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in the fall of 1865, and filled the following appointments: As junior preacher on the Ouachita Circuit in 1866, Richmond Circuit, Rockport Circuit, Devall's Bluff Station, Hot Springs Station, Washington Station, Hot Springs again, Lonoke Station, Monticello Station. During his pastorate at Monticello he became connected with the Arkansas Methodist. Then he was sole editor. This year he had Liberty and Pleasant Grove in connection with the paper. We have space in this report to write only a very brief description of this young and gifted minister. He was a man of great urbanity of manners—a real polished man. Nothing vulgar was heard in his speech or seen in his life. He was true and confiding in his disposition, and lovable in association. As a preacher he was far above ordinary—chaste in style and earnest in manner, and never heavy and wearisome.

He made many friends wherever he traveled. As a writer he was chaste and polished, and truly wielded a graceful pen. His race was short but brilliant, and the Master called him to come up higher. On the first of April last he fell on sleep to wake up in glory. We hope the Arkansas Methodist will live as a monument to his memory. Your efficient, genial Secretary, who so often called the roll of our body, has gone to answer the roll-call above. May we meet him there!

ENOCH L. Gaddle was born in 1828, converted in 1845, and was received on trial in the Ouachita Conference in 1854—our first session. He was a laborious, uncomplaining itinerant, going wherever bid to go, whether it was mission to white or black. Neither mountain nor swamp deterred him, and he was not afraid of poverty or disease. He was not a brilliant man, but a good one. Nobody ever called him great, but everybody said he was good. His was not a faultless ministry. He never preached any grand sermons, but very many useful ones. He was well and favorably known in our bounds, and many will rise up to call him blessed. He was married some years ago to the daughter of the Rev. John Pryor, and he found in her a helpmeet truly. He died at Hamburg in August last, after much suffering. Brother Gaddie died grandly. It was like the entrance of a conquering king or mighty chieftain, after a hard-fought but victorious battle, returned to take possession of the conquered city. He entered heaven with the shout of victory and song on his lips, and we shall see him again.

Joseph G. Ward, son of the Rev. James Ward, was born in Botetourt county, Virginia, August 29, 1806, and was brought up in Jefferson county, Kentucky, where his father moved in 1807. He professed religion in 1826, was licensed to preach October 26, 1828, and joined the Kentucky Conference the same year. His first appointment was Cumberland Circuit as junior preacher. He traveled in this Conference till 1833, and was forced to ask a location to attend to some important business, but he was still laborious and useful. He only remained local a year or two, and returned to the Conference and continued to travel till 1841, when he again located, and soon after removed to Tennessee, where he engaged in teaching. The Minutes of the Conference show that he was a very successful minister, and hundreds were brought to Christ through his ministry. He was also a successful teacher, and eminently useful. He did very much good in leading children to Christ and in awakening an interest in Christianity. In 1860 he was reädmitted into the Tennessee Conference and transferred to the Ouachita Conference, and appointed to Magnolia Circuit. In 1861 he was on Hempstead Circuit. But we have not time to go with him over his different fields of labor while he was able to travel: He worked just as long as he was able, and only retired when forced by age to retire. His retirement to the superannuated relation was the one great trial of his life. O how hard to be laid aside and give up our loved employ! But the true man of God is to learn to suffer as well as to do his Master's will. His afflictions were long and painful, but O how uncomplainingly and patiently he bore them! He was a fine doctrinal preacher, and was well versed in Methodist theology. He loved Methodism, and sought to rear his family in and for the Church, and he made no failure. His son is a minister, and both daughters were ministers' wives. He is gone. The old man, with his bruised and battered shield, conquered the last enemy, and triumphantly entered the home of his God.

Brethren, three names disappear from the roll-call this year. Who will be called to go before next Conference? Let us hope our God will spare us all a little longer for more and better work. But, beloved, let us be ready.

We cannot close this report without making mention of our departed Bishops. Two of our honored superintendents have passed away in the last twelve months: Bishop Kavanaugh in March, and Bishop Pierce in September. Both of them had given the Church over a half-century of service, both were converted early, and both were masters in the pulpit and on the platform. Very dissimilar, and still they were grand alike. One resembled the sturdy old oak; the other, the majestic pine. One was like Niagara in its roar and thunder; the other resembled the Mississippi. The one, with plodding step, was one of the few who

could ascend the Mont Blanc of Christianity, but when its height was gained no one could hurl its topmost stones with greater effect or greater precision. The other, with eagle wing, would sweep beyond Mont Blanc and, dipping his wing in the clouds of the skies, almost bewilder you with heaven's splendors. Bishop Kavanaugh was deeply versed in Methodistic theology, and would sweep you away as with wings of fire, and cause the overflowing heart to shout in view of Calvary's glory and triumph. Bishop Pierce, with an eloquence unrivaled, could take the most common incidents of the Holy Scriptures and make them glitter like polished diamonds of heaven's own oratory. One was a logician, and could and would set logic on fire and stir the profoundest depths of the human heart. The other was the expositor of the word and the master of poetic eloquence, playing on the strings of the human heart till they would vibrate to his touch with music sweet as that of an Æolian harp. They were elevated to the highest office in the gift of the Church at the same time. United in life, they were not long divided by death. They lived to honor God, to serve the Church, and to bless humanity. Their names are a priceless legacy to our Southern Methodism. May their mantles fall on worthy successors! A. R. WINFIELD, Chairman.

#### CHURCH PROPERTY.

Your committee would respectfully report that after diligent investigation the number and value of Church property with imperfect titles is as follows: Little Rock District—1 church; value, \$1,000. Pine Bluff District—3 churches; value, \$6,550. Monticello District—1 church; value, \$400. Washington District—1 church, 1 parsonage. Arkadelphia District—1 church; value, \$200.

J. H. Gold, Chairman.

#### DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

This committee has had four of six records before it; has examined them by

the following general principles:

1. A record-book is supposed to contain the journal of the proceedings of a number of successive Conferences. When we open that book at any page we should be able to see at a glance the number of the session, place and time of holding the same. The headings of the pages should embody these facts, even to the ends of the copied reports; also designate the session—whether morning or afternoon—of first, second, and third days; a marginal index of the subjects of each paragraph, and the paragraphs distinctly separated; the words spaced so as to be perfectly intelligible, and the sentences so punctuated as to be of undoubted construction.

2. The journal should state clearly, and in successive order, all the facts and proceedings from first to last—except, possibly, the disorder and confusion—such as who was in the chair, who conducted the opening exercises, the reading, correcting, and approval of minutes of each session. The opening session should report the calling of the roll and the election of a secretary. The roll-call should give the representative character of each member, whether he be preacher in charge of circuit or station, local preacher, or layman, what charge he represents; and this roll, fully recorded, should preface the proceedings of every Conference.

By this we know who ought to be present as well as those who are.

By these general rules we try the following records:

Pine Bluff District.—Page headings not filled. No marginal index. No roll by secretary of last Conference. Committee on Public Worship was appointed, but failed to report. Two or three different persons presided during the term, but for the afternoon session of the second day the record does not say who presided. The Committee on Quarterly Conference Journals made no report. The chirography is that of a hurried and careless hand, and betrays itself in spelling, as in the sentence, "Bro. M. H. asked leaf of absence."

Monticello District.—Page headings have date only. Marginal index good. Record does not say to what Annual Conference it belongs. No roll accompanies this journal. It does not state who presided at four of its sessions. A Committee on Public Worship was appointed, which reported in bulk at the last session, just

before the benediction was pronounced. The Committee on Finance reportedthe journal does not show the appointment of this committee. Chirography plain, very intelligible, well punctuated. The work was laborious, inasmuch as it-was transacted by a series of ten questions, which are asked and answered by each preacher in charge; all of which is recorded in full.

Camden District .-- No headings to pages at all. No marginal index. The matter is run together, without spacing in paragraphs or words, as one continued paper. No roll recorded. Four out of six sessions tell who was chairman. Chi-

rography a hasty, careless hand, without punctuation.

Arkadelphia District.—Has its headings, but not all filled. Has its roll in full prefacing the proceedings. Subjects and paragraphs well spaced, with marginal

index in part. Chirography plain, but not handsome. Punctuation imperfect.

Little Rock District.—No page headings. No roll. Although there was a large attendance, we cannot tell whether all or only a few of the members were present. The spacing of paragraphs and words is good. The marginal index is good. The opening of the sessions is well recorded, and the reports of the committees correspond to the appointment. We observe, however, that they had no Committee on Public Worship, and but one appointment for public preaching. The minutes are not signed by the President. This is a large, fine book, and it has been well kept for three consecutive Conferences. We cannot tell whether it is the first, second, or third volume of the records of thirteen preceding Conferences. This remark applies to the other journals before us, with one exception. As these records may possibly have a bearing on the history or biography of some church or person, we recommend that the next session of these bodies will supply the deficiency here indicated. Every good brother whom we delight to honor is not a good secretary. We recommend that a suitable person, who takes an interest in the Church, be selected to act as secretary, and continued in that office.

#### CHURCH EXTENSION.

E. B. Hotchkiss, Chairman.

#### ABSTRACT OF SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Fifty dollars was donated to Wesley Chapel, Lehia Circuit. Three hundred dollars was donated to Arkansas City -- seventy-five cash, balance to be paid when collected. Fifty dollars was granted to Bryant, Benton Circuit. One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated to Selma, on condition that the disciplinary requirements be complied with. One hundred and fifty dollars was appropriated to Cedar Glades on September 19, 1884, at a called meeting of the Board; and on October 20, 1884, at a called meeting, one hundred and seventy dollars was appropriated to Hazen. J. C. Rhodes, Secretary.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. J. Jenkins, Treasurer, in account with the Church Extension Board of the Little Rock Conference.

To amount received from the preachers, as per their reports to the Annual Conference, November, 1884:

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

Little Rock, First Church	\$		Austin Circuit		
Little Rock, Spring Street	20	00	Hickory Plains Circuit		00
Benton Station			Des Arc Station		00
Collegeville Circuit			White River Circuit		
Benton Circuit	5	00	Carlisle Circuit		00
Maumelle Circuit	5	00	Galloway Circuit	1	75
Liberty and Pleasant Grove		00			
Lonoke Station	25	00	Total	\$152	10

#### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

Pine Bluff Station Sheridan Circuit Toledo Circuit New Edinburgh Circuit Lehia Circuit Auburn Circuit Arkansas Post Circuit	\$45 00 20 15 3 70 10 00	DeWitt Circuit Old River Circuit Flat Bayou Circuit Pine Bluff Mission  Total	\$16 00 4 00 \$98 85
AR:	KADELPH	IA DISTRICT.	
Arkadelphia Station	\$ 29 65 25 00 5 00 8 15 5 05 6 25 2 00 8 15	Hot Springs Circuit Malvern Station Malvern Circuit Social Hill Circuit Tulip Circuit Princeton Circuit Total	3 90 7 85 15 00
Mo	ONTICELLO	O DISTRICT.	
Monticello Station Mt. Pleasant Circuit Selma Circuit Holly Grove Circuit Arkansas City Station Collins Mission Lacey Circuit		Hamburg Station	\$5 00 10 80 1 00 15 00
·	CAMPEN	DISTRICT.	
Camden Station Camden Circuit Falcon Circuit Lewisville Circuit El Dorado Circuit Magnolia Station. Magnolia Circuit Hampton Circuit	\$ 15 00 	Carolina and Mt. Vernon	
W	ASHINGTO	N DISTRICT.	
Washington Circuit Fulton Circuit Hope Station Prescott Station Midway Circuit Mineral Springs Circuit Saline Circuit Dallas Circuit Cove Mission	\$ 6 25 2 50 12 25 10 00 18 00 3 10	Chapel Hill Circuit	5 00 6 00 3 00 2 75 10 00
. R	ECAPITUI	LATION.	
Little Rock District	ion at Ma	lvern	98 85 144 00 131 80 97 90 83 85 5 00
Grand total		J. J. Jenkins, Tre	

#### JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

#### REPORT No. 1.

#### BISHOP'S FUND COLLECTED.

\$110	00
105	65
100	00
100	00
110	00
\$600	65
	\$110 75 105 100 100 110 \$600

#### REPORT No. 2.

KEPUKI NO	J. 2.	
Claimant.	Amount.	Paid to
W. P. Laney	\$ 215 00	B. G. Johnson.
W. J. Davis	210 00	Self.
Brother Gaddie's son	25 00	L. M. Keith.
R. H. Sanders	135 00	J. H. Riggin.
J. E. Caldwell	210 00	W. M. Pack.
A. W. Simmons	135 00	J. H. Riggin.
A. Avery	50 00	J. P. Holmes.
Sister Ward	135 00	A. Turrentine.
J. H. Blakeley	160 00	J. F. Carr.
Sister Weir and daughter	85 00	R. P. Wilson.
Sister Marshall	90 00	A. Hunter.
Sister Pryor	40 00	L. M. Keith.
Sister Davies	40 00	D. T. Holmes.
Sister Colburn	$25 \ 00$	Self.
Sister Stanley	60 00	D. T. Holmes.
Hagan's children	60 00	B. Monk.
Sister Haskew and child	140 00	T. H. Ware.
Sister Husbands	$50 \ 00$	J. R. Moore.
Total	\$1,865 00	

#### REPORT No. 3.

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

	P. E.'s Claims.	P. E.'s Receipts.	And the same of th	Deficiency.	P. C.'s Claims.	P. C.'s Receipts.	Deficiency.		Bishops' Fund.	Conf. Fund.
Little Rock, First Ch	\$200	\$180	00	\$20 00	\$1,500	\$1,300 00	\$200	00	\$15 00	\$80 00
Little Rock, Spring St	90	90			650				8 00	50 00
Benton Station	75	75	00	**********	500	380 00	120	00	9 00	40 00
Benton Circuit		67	90	7 10	<b>50</b> 0	407 60		40		40 00
Collegeville Circuit	75	65	00	10 00	400	350 00	50	0υ	9 00	20 00
Maumelle Circuit	60		60			210 80	148	20	7 00	5 00
Liberty & Pleas'nt Grove	75		50							
Lonoke Station	85		00		450				8 00	36 00
Austin Circuit	100		20							
Hickory Plains Circuit	60		60	11 00				00		
Des Arc Station	60	60			500				8 00	40 00
White River Circuit	125	10								
Carlisle Circuit	100	100			665			()5		
Galloway Circuit	42	32	90	. 12 10	330	230 8	99	15		10 00
Total	\$1,225	\$947	10	\$277 90	\$7,145	\$5,975 2	\$1,087	70	\$97 00	\$406 20

#### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

	P. E.'s Cluims.	P. E.'s Receipts.	Deficiency.	P. C.'s Claims.	P. C.'s Receipts.	Deficiency.	Bishop's Fund.	Conf. Fund.
Pine Bluff Station	\$200	\$200 00		\$1,000	\$1,000 10		\$17 00	\$89 00
Sheridan Circuit	60	42 51	\$17 49	240	168 04	\$71 96	6 ()11	19 15
Toledo Circuit	80	50 00	30 00	450	297 85	152 15	7 15	30 35
New Edinburgh Circuit	80	36 00	44 00	400	180 00	220 00	8 25	5 70
Lehia Circuit	80			500	258 00	242 00	7 00	15 00
Auburn Circuit		15 50					5 00	
Arkansas Post Circuit	50	30 15	19 85	250	231 95	18 05	5 00	10 00
DeWitt Circuit		**********					5 00	
Old River Circuit		41 00	9 00	********	250 00		5 00	
Flat Bayon Circuit				750	700 00	50 00	6 00	40 00
Pine Bluff Mission	25	12 78	12 25	150	76 40	73 60	2 50	
Total	\$725	\$572 91	\$167 59	\$3,740	\$3,162 24	\$827 76	\$73 90	\$200 20

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Arkadelphia Station	\$128	\$86 25	\$41 75	\$800	\$539 011	\$261 001	\$10 25	\$64	110
Clark Circuit	128	79 56	45 44	775	497 39	277 61		47	50
Amiry Circuit	75	50 45	24 55	450	318 45	131 55	7 00	20	00
Gurdon Circuit	50)	46 34	3 66	300	279 80	20 20	5 05	20	00
Caddo Circuit	75	46 100	28 90	400	261 40	138 60	5 15	17	50
Cedar Glades Mission	25	2 55	22 45	200	56 45	143 55	50	2	65
Mt. Ida Circuit	60	38 12	21 88	250	153 63	96 37	5 00	2	00
Hot Springs Station	200	99 15	100 85	1,500	1,100 00	400 (0)	12 00	33	00
Hot Springs Circuit	50	27 110	23 00	250	135 00	145 00	5 00	5	50
Malvern Station	100	100 00		600	603 15		10 00	60	00
Malvern Circuit	55	51 17	3 83	300	280 85	19 15	5 00	8	00
Social Hill Circuit	64	26 85	37 15	400	161 15	238 85	5 05	10	00
Tulip Circuit	100	60 55	39 45	600	363 40	236 60	10 00	29	30
Princeton Circuit	100	86 05	13 95	500	428 50		12 00	40	50
Total	\$1,200	\$800 14	\$399 86	\$7,325	\$5,178 17	\$2,180 68	\$ 12 00	<b>\$</b> 359	95

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

Monticello Station	\$2001	\$200 001		\$500!	\$500 ())	)	\$10 00	\$40	00
Mr. Pleasant Circuit	125	100 65	\$24 35	600	463 13	\$136 85	10 00	48	00
Selma Circuit	1000	63 75	36 25	550	373 83	176 15	10 00	22	00
Holly Grove Circuit	110	90 00	20 00	300	245 50	54 50	10 00	17	75
Arkansas City Station	75	57 50	17 50	500	500-00	)	10 00		
Collins Mission	511	15 90	34 10	250	130 70	119 30	6 00	8	00
Lacey Circuit	55	23 75	31 25	250	118 40	131 60	7 00	5	90
Hamburg Station	125	101 33	23 67	550	479 5	70 4:3	10 00	44	00
Hamburg Circuit	100	63≥ 50	36 50	400	290.73	109 25	10 00	24	00
Bartholomew Circuit	125	72 40	52 60	600	347 73	252 25	10 00	30	00
Palestine Circuit	65	47 (0)	18 00	350	253 00	97 00	7 00	14	00
Warran Circuit	100	86 96	13 04	550	478 3	71 66	10 00	44	00
Total	\$1,230	\$922 74	\$307 26	\$5,400	\$4,181 0	\$1,218 99	\$110 00	\$297	65

#### CAMDEN DISTRICT.

Camden Station	\$90	\$90	00		\$700	\$573	20	\$126	70	\$10	00]	\$56	00
Camden Circuit													
Ouachita Circuit	50	31	00	\$19 00	100	80	00	21)	00	7	00	5	00
Faleon Circuit	90	57	50	32 50	400	392	75	107	25	10	00	10	70
Lewisville Circuit	50	28	50	21 50	300	200	00	100	00	7	00	15	00
El Dorado Circuit	100	85	20	14 80	500	425	8.5	74	15	10	00	40	(10
Magnolia Station	50	50	00		500	500	00			6	(1)	40	00
Magnolia Circuit		25	20	14 80	260	136	60	123	40	4	00	8	00
Carolina and Mt. Vernon		45	00		200	200	00			7	()()	16	00
Lapile Circuit	50	49	55	45	250	247	41)	2	60	7	00	20	00
Hampton Circuit	100	79	40	20 60	500	396	90	103	10	10	00	40	00
Atlanta Circuit	5(1	36	50	13 50	250	180	55	69	45	7	00	10	00
Bright Star Circuit	50	35			300	181	90	118	10	7	00	4	25
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Total	\$765	\$613	13	\$151 87	\$4,260	\$3,515	25	\$842	75	\$92	00	\$264	95

#### WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

	P. E.'s Claims.	P. E.'s Receipts.	Deficiency.	P. C.'s Claims.	P. C.'s Receipts.	Deficiency.	Bishop's Fund.	Conf, Fund.
Washington Circuit	\$100	\$73 7	\$26 25	\$700	\$587 60	\$112 40	\$7 20	\$41 00
Fulton Circuit	50	48 10			529 30			
Hope Station	100	100 00	)	850	850 00		10 00	
Prescott Station	100	80 00	20 00	650	650 00		10 00	40 50
Midway Circuit	75	50 4	3 24 52	650	395 57	254 43	8 00	48 00
Mineral Springs Circuit	75	41 ()	34 00	450	250 00	200 00	8 00	22 70
Center Point Circuit	75	50 0	25 00	600	400 00	200 00	10 00	22 00
Saline Circuit	40	17 0	23 00	250	103 00	147 00	5 00	2 00
Dallas Circuit								
Cove Mission	30	6 9		116	45 12	70 88	2 40	
Chapel Hill Circuit	40	15 0		400	150 00	250 00	5 00	. 10 00
Locksburg Circuit	85	61 3	5 23 65	600	429 45	170 55	8 50	20 00
Richm'd & Rocky Comf't	50	50 0	0	600	532 65	67 35	5 ()()	30 00
Little River Circuit	50	20 0	0 30 00	300	132 00	168 00	3 30	8 05
Texarkana Circuit	45	26 6	5 18 35	320	191 00	129 00	8 00	10 50
Murfreesboro Circuit	40	17 6	5 22 35	160	78 00	82 00	5 00	5 00
Total	<b>\$955</b>	\$657 9	2 \$297 08	\$7,246	\$5,323 69	\$1,922 31	\$100 40	\$324 80

#### RECAPITULATION.

Little Rock District	\$1,225	\$947	101	\$277	90	\$7,1451	\$5,975	20	\$1.087	701	897	001	\$406	20
Pine Bluff District				167					827					
Arkadelphia District	1,200	800	14	399	86	7,325	5.178	17	2,180	68	92	00	359	95
Monticello District	1,230	922	74	307	26	5,400	4,181	01	1,218	99	110	00	297	65
Camden District	765	613	13	151	87	4,260	3,515	25	842	75	92	00	264	95
Washington District	955	657	92	297	08	7,246	5,323	69	1,922	31	100	40	324	80
Grand total	\$6,107	\$4,513	94	\$1,610	56	\$34,137	\$27,025	(;(;	\$8,171	29	\$565	30	\$1,863	75

Note .- There is a difference in the Bishops' Fund between the reports of the preachers and presiding elders.

#### ASSESSMENT OF BISHOPS' FUND FOR 1885.

Little Rock District	\$110	00
Pine Bluff District		
Arkadelphia District		
Washington District		
Camden Disfrict	100	00
Monticello District	110	00

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. Holmes, Chairman.

C. D. McSwain, Secretary.

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Lesson Quarterlies.	Little People.	Money Expended,	
Little Rock, First Church	1	16	221	200	100		100		\$200	
Little Rock, Spring Street	1	24	100	200	75		65	40	55	
Benton Station	1	24	96	100		6	120		38	
Collegeville Circuit	6	40	300	250		5	200	150	40	
Benton Circuit	5	30	200	150	27	15	240	90	46	
Maumelle CircuitLiberty and Pleasant Grove	9	30	325	*******	4	6	60	16	15	00
Hickory Plains Circuit	6	40	300	250	40	5	200	150	40	00
Austin Circuit	8	44	365	75		23	115		40	
Lonoke Station	1	14	125			18	54	24	90	00
Carlisle Circuit	4	31	220	109	25	23	234	47	62	82
Des Arc Station	2	9	100		20	10	. 30	30	30	00
White River Circuit	2	4	60							
Galloway Circuit	1	5	. 40							
Total	47	311	2452	1364	392	176	1418	622	\$657	67

#### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

Pine Bluff Station	1	25	167	700	75	10	160	72	\$66	10
Pine Bluff Mission	5	27	138	40		1	218	50	22	00
Sheridan Circuit	4	24	134		15		100	25	15	00
Lehia Circuit	3	13	95				100			00 -
New Edinburgh Circuit		24	185				86	55		00 -
Toledo Circuit		18					45	18		99
Arkansas Post Circuit	-	20	120				85	50	10	00 -
De Witt Circuit									******	
Old River Circuit									*********	
Flat Bayou Circuit	3	20	80					30	27	00 ·
Auburn Circuit								********	**********	
FT3 4 3		377	1001	000	114		000	0.20	0100	
Total	32	171	1021	822	114	56	868	300	\$183	09.

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

Monticello Station	11	121	159	320		6	401	30	\$38	05
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	4	32	236	200	26	5	164	60	35	25
Selma Circuit	7	28	221			7	114	62	25	35
Holly Grove Circuit	3	10	52		44		49	46		
Arkansas City Station	1	15	75	400	50	2.	85	6	20	00
Collins Mission	3	12	60	12		1	111	15	6	75
Lacey Circuit	4	18	60			1		48	1	55
Hamburg Station	. 1	12	100				96	24	20	00
Hamburg Circuit	9	41	269			5	93	6	30	10
Bartholomew Circuit	4	16	175			11	131	55	29	45
Palestine Circuit	4	16	153			12	72	36	6	15
Warren Circuit	1	10	100			9	92	28	20	00
Total.	42	212	1660	932	133	59	1047	416	\$232	65

#### CAMDEN DISTRICT.

Camden Station	1	17	155	600	75	20	160	35	\$76	50 ~
Camden Circuit	3								15	00
Ouachita Circuit										
Falcon Circuit	5	30	182		67	25	32			
Lewisville Circuit	2	10	75		10	10	25	20		
El Dorado Circuit	1	2	12	20	1	2	15		5	00 .
Magnolia Station	1	8	75	100	********	4	70	30	12	50
Magnolia Circuit	2	10	60				100		11	85
Hampton Circuit		16	125			25	120	24	23	00 .
Carolina and Mt. Vernon	2	10	65	100		4	45	30	12	00
Lapile Circuit	2	9	50			3	25	18	6	00
Atlanta Circuit		20	164		1	4	30	30	13	00
Bright Star Circuit	5	26	163	90	•••••		54	24	9	00 ~
Total	31	158	1126	910	154	97	676	211	\$183	85 -

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

	Number of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Number of Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Visitors taken.	Magazines taken.	Lesson Quarterlies.	Little People.	Money Expended.
Arkadelphia Station Clark Circuit Amity Circuit Gurdon Circuit Caddo Circuit Cedar Glades Mission Mt. Ida Circuit Hot Springs Station Hot Springs Circuit Malvern Station Malvern Circuit Social Hill Circuit Tulip Circuit Princeton Circuit	1 4 2 5 2 5 2 4 1 5 2 4 5 4 5 4 5	18, 22, 14, 14, 21, 7, 10, 10, 4, 23, 20, 30, 5, 15, 25	104 140 100 120 120 45 125 135 296 194 242 120	232 14 6 200 60	100 40 24 70 20 2 12	20 10 2 3  8 6 16 8 13 4	40 80 86 30 30 16 36 64 179 140 60 74 60 80	20 50 40 50 10 10 40 60 40 30 48 24 50	\$130 00 37 40 27 00 9 00 7 50 2 05 5 00 52 00 23 70 68 00 18 55 21 50 11 50
Total	46	233	2073	648	168	99	980	462	\$433 20
W	ASHI	NGTO	N DIS	STRIC	г.				
Washington Circuit Fulton Circuit Hope Station Prescott Station Midway Circuit Mineral Springs Circuit Center Point Circuit Saline Circuit Cove Mission Locksburg Chapel Hill Circuit Richmond and Rocky Comfort Little River Circuit Texarkana Circuit	6 4 1 1 6 4 6 7 3 3 4 2 6	34 14 11 15 35 20 40 23  8 30 25 13 20 8	245 100 114 120 299 100 300 220 50 175 90 100 50	35 200 50 50	15 30 1 32 33	20 5  24  8 2 10 10 1	160 39 120 60 186 126 200 105 56 90 20 30	70 30 30 60 90 50 50 24 36	\$31 50 16 00 32 70 48 77 37 20 23 00 40 00 20 00 7 25 15 00
Murfreesboro Circuit	3 57	308	2063	375	160	80	1292	510	\$306 42

#### RECAPITULATION.

Little Rock District	47	311	2452	1364	392	176	1418	622	\$657 67
Pine Bluff District	32	171	1021	822	114	56	868	300	183 09
Monticello District	42	212	1660	932	133	59	1047	416	232 65
Camden District	31	158	1126	910	154	97	676	211	183 85
Arkadelphia District	46	233	2973	648	168	99	980	462	433 20
Washington District	57	308	2063	375	160	87	1292	510	306 42
9									
Grand total	255	1393	10,395	5051	1121	574	6281	2521	\$1,996 88
Grand total last year		1424	10,916	4473	1233	614	4597	2996	2,221 27

Respectfully,

W. H. BROWNING, President.

#### FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT.

		LITTL	E R	OC	κI	DISTRI	CT.				
	Local Preachers.	Number of Members.	Adults Baptized.	Infants Baptized.	Number Churches.	Number Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Number of frarsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Repairing, etc.
Little Rock, First Church Little Rock, Spring Street Benton Station Benton Circuit Collegeville Circuit	1 1 3 3	230 300 99 522 467	8 10 2 76 51	7 15 2 25 15	1 1 1 9 4	600 300 250 2,700 750	\$15,000 1,500 700 3,000 3,500		••••••	\$200 300 750	\$1,800 00 15 00 1,905 00 375 00
Manmebe Circuit Liberty and Pleasant Grove Louoke Station	2 1 1 3 1	247 50 92 485 409 104		24 6 3	3 1 6 5 1	300 100 250 2,700 1,600 400	800 850 1,500 5,100 2,100 2,000	1 1	500	600 125	270 60
White River Circuit	1	200 228 108 3541	10 13 45 309	6 4 18	5	800 550	\$42,650			••••••	400 00 \$4,765 60
		PINE	BL	UF	F I	DISTRI	CT.				
Pine Bluff Station		215 359 218	12 18 5	17 1 5	7 6	500 2000 1650				\$200	\$260 00 35 00
New Edinburgh Circuit Lehia Circuit Auburn Circuit Arkansas Post Circuit	2 2	378 274 29 166	10 12 6 11	13 9	7 6 4	1400 1800 600 400	1,900 1,950 700				100 00 424 00
De Witt CircuitOld River CircuitFlat Bayon CircuitPine Bluff Mission	1	324 35 193 107	73	2 14 7	3 1 3 2	800 200 700 150	2,000 1,200 2,800	1	150	300	
Total	19	2298	154	72	41	10,100	\$20,578	3	\$3,850	\$510	\$919 00
		Mon	TICI	ELI	o I	DISTRI	CT.				
Monticello Station		105		4		350					
Mt. Pleasant Circuit		425 382				1200 500				\$200	\$42 00
Holly Grove Circuit		124 21	2n 5			192 201					100 00 300 00
Arkansas City Station Collins Mission		175	1			300					300 00
Hamburg Station Hamburg Circuit	. 1	109 270			7	300 1350					
Bartholomew Circuit	. 2	160	6	- 9	5	620	3,400	)			
Palestine Circuit		253 140				1000				5	
Warren Circuit	. 2					600					200 00
Total	. 19	2360	137	125	33	21,01:	\$22,970	ā	\$3,150	\$310	\$691 90
		C.	AMD	EN	Dı	STRIC	г,				
Camden Station				1		400			\$1,500	\$250	
Ouachita Circuit	. 1					1			100	)	\$300 0
Lewisville Circuit		275	20	1 7	4	2000	0 50	0		. 100	40 0
El Dorado Circuit	. 4								500	)	75 0 203 5
Magnolia Circuit	. 1	244	2	2	. 4	100	0 1,20	11			14 0
Hampton Circuit	. 3	2.25									250 0 25 0
Carolina and Mt. Vernon Lapile Circuit	]		1	3 7	7	100	0 1,90	0	300		20 0
Atlanta Circuit	:								90		45 0
Bright Star Circuit									30 32		0.00 0
Total	. 18	319:	108	7:	3 55	14.62	5 \$25.40	0	8 \$3,47	5 \$500	81,422 5

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

	I ocal Preachers.	Number of Members.	Adults Buptized.	Infinits Buptized.	Number Churches.	Number Sittings.	Value of Churches.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Other Church Property.	Money Expended for Repairing, etc.	
Arkadelphia Station		137	3	3 5	1	3511	\$3,000	1	\$700		\$242	50
Clark Circuit	7	521	24		7	1,750	2,550	1	700			• • • •
Amity Cucuit	- 1	260	38	8	3	900	1,200	1	250		99	00
Gurdon Circuit		182	14	9	4	800	2,850		********		595	
Caddo Circuit	7	388	24	- 9	4	800	900	1	125		31	
Cedar Glades Mission	3	75	11	5	1	150	300				300	00
Mt. Ida Circuit	3	206	68	(i	1	150	150	1	150			
Hot Springs Station	3	190	3	3	1	400	1,200			\$500		• • • •
Hot Springs Circuit	5	215	11	3	4	825	1,250			200	103	
Malvern Station	1	157	1	15		300	1,000		1,500		1,039	
Malvern Circuit	- 1	355	48	34	4	630	800				16	
Social Hill Circuit	6	367	20	12	5	1,300			100			
Tulip Circuit		325	2	14	7	1,625	3,050		300		108	
Princeton Circuit	ð	470	3	5	10	2,400	4,375	1	500		4:24	00
Total	42	3848	270	131	อืล	12,380	\$25,175	9	\$4,325	\$800	\$3,546	15

#### WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Washington Circuit	- 1	511	- 58	32	5	1,500	\$3,450		]	******	
Fulton Circuit	1	192	42	33	3	450	825			\$125	\$8 50
Hope Station	1	120	2	3	1	400	1,000				
Prescott Station	1	192	1	8	1	300	1,000		\$800	*********	73 00
Midway Circuit	5	453	43	12	5	950	1,800		100		.000
Mineral Springs Circuit	7	203		7	9	600				,	0.5 0.0
	- 1			- 4	2		-, -		250		00 00
Center Point Circuit	4	375	11	1	6	2,00		1	500	2,000	50 00
Saline Circuit	4	333	46	25	ti	800	700			400	
Dallas Circuit	10	310	10	5	4	600	800			200	
Cove Mission		164	1	1							
Chapel Hill Carenit	- 6	230	12	9	1	200	300	1	300		50 00
Locksburg Circuit	7	354	5	8	3	1,000	2,800	1			
Richmond & Rocky Comfort.	1	70	9	8	2	800	1,500				
Little River Circuit		253	21	5	1	200	500			200	
Texarkana Circuit	2	191	29	21	4	700	800	1	255		52 50
Murfreesboro Circuit	2	3211	32	16						300	
										1,00	**************
Total	59	4071	326	200	- 44	9,800	\$20,525	8	\$3,055	\$2,290	\$1.883 00

#### RECAPITULATION.

Little Rock District	19	3541	309	129	46	11,550	\$42,650	3	\$1,700	\$2,075	\$4,765 60
Pine Bluff District			154	72	41	10,100	20,575	3	3,850		
Monticello District	19	2360	137	125	33	21,012	22,970	5	3,150	310	691 90
Camden District	18	31:12	108	73	55	14,625	25,400	8	3,475	500	1,422 50
Arkadelphia District	42	3848	270	131	53	12,380	25,175	9	4.325	800	3,546 15
Washington District	59	4071	326	200	44	9,800	20,525	8	3,055	3,290	1,883 00
Grand total	176	19,310	1304	730	272	79,217	\$157,295	36	\$19,555	\$7,485	\$9,228 15
Grand total last year									18,026		
											,
Increase	7	640	55		28	18,112	\$1,945	3	\$1,529	\$395	\$1,208 15
Decrease						-,			W + 3-> = +>	4000	21,200 10
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Respectfully submitted.

E. N. EVANS, Statistical Secretary.

#### CENTENARY FUND.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. M. D. Sturgis, Treasurer, in account with the Little Rock Annual Conference.

As per the reports of the preachers to the Annual Conference in session at Little Rock, November, 1884:

Districts.	Educ tion		Missio	ns.		Gen. Fund.	S. S. Fund.	Local Objects.	Medal Fund.	Total.
Little Rock District	35 18 103	08 45 50 00	58 36 19 9	58 40 50 25	\$12 00	20 08 16 00 18 75 4 00	9 60 2 25	3 834 30 1,049 10 1,279 39 525 55	\$1 00 8 00	986 24 1,160 20 1,345 74
Total								\$5,305 34		

\*\$20 for school at Las Vegas, New Mexico, paid Bishop Hargrove, included in report for Missions. † One gold watch, Anglo-Chinese University.

\$\$100 for Central Collegiate Institute, for which I have no voucher.

Of above amount, \$109.03 is for education; \$106.75 for Central Collegiate Institute; \$4 to aid in education of a lady for mission work; \$83,28 for General Educational Fund; \$170.48 and one gold watch for Missions; \$48 for girls' school in Rio, Brazil; \$20 for school at Las Vegas, New Mexico; \$104 for General Mission Fund; \$18 for Loan Fund; \$71.83 for Church Extension; \$97.50 for Sunday-school Fund; \$9 for Medal Fund; and \$5,305.34 for local objects.

J. M. D. Sturgis, Treasurer Centenary Committee.

#### CENTENARY COMMITTEE.

Your committee regret the meager figures presented in this report, which seems to be the result of the severe drought prevailing in the Conference territory and consequent depression of business; but as we have yet remaining one month of the centennial year, we hope to increase the sum of our centennial contributions; therefore,

1. Resolved, That every member of the Conference is hereby requested to present this claim to their people at the earliest opportunity after arriving at their new charges, and take collections where such have not already been taken.

2. That all such funds be immediately reported either to Rev. J. M. D. Sturgis, Treasurer Conference Centenary Committee, or to Rev. W. P. Harrison, D.D., Secretary Central Centenary Committee, Nashville, Tennessee.

H. R. WITHERS, Chairman.

#### MISSIONS.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

A. D. Jenkins, in account with Board of Missions of Little Rock Annual Conference.

DR. To the amounts received from the preachers as per their reports to the Conference, and per other collections, as follows:

#### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	Domes	stic	Forei	gn.	Tota	al,	CHARGES.	Domes	tic	Foreig	gn.	Total	1.
Little Rock, First Ch	840	00					Austin Circuit			\$23			
Little Rock, Spring St	25	00					Hickory Plains Circuit	-	00	-			
Benton Station	25	00	75	00	100	00	Des Arc Station	25	00				00
Benton Circuit	20	00	30	00	50	00	White River Circuit	2	50	11	00		50
Collegeville Circuit		00	60	00	80	00	Carlisle Circuit				00		
Maumelle Circuit		00	15	00	30	00	Galloway Circuit	5	00	5	00	10	00
Liberty & Pleas't Grove		50	13	25	15	75							—
Lonoke Station		00	60	00	85	00	Total	\$241	50	\$577	75	\$819	2,

#### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

Charges.	Dome	stic	Forei	ga.	Total	al.	CHARGES.	Domestic	Foreign.	Total.
Pine Bluff Station	\$53	00	\$165	00	\$218	00	DeWitt Circuit			
Sheridan Circuit	11	00	35	00	46	00	Old River Circuit		\$15 00	\$15 00
Toledo Circuit	16	10	48	30	64	40	Flat Bayou Circuit	\$26 00	78 00	104 00
New Edinburgh Circuit.	4	55	12	60	17	15	Pine Bluff Mission	8 00	24 00	
Lehia Circuit	12	00	30	00	42	00				
Auburn Circuit							Total	\$135 65	\$416 75	\$552 40
Arkansas Post Circuit	5	00	8	50	13	50		"		, -

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

Monticello Station	\$45	00	\$135	00)	\$180	00	Hamburg Station	\$25	00)	\$75	00	\$100	00
Mt. Pleasant Circuit	45	00	100	00	145	00	Hamburg Circuit	21				87	
							Bartholomew Circuit		00	38	55	48	55
							Palestine Circuit					30	
							Warren Circuit	40	00	85	00	125	00
Collins Mission			10										
Lacey Circuit	4	40	8	75	13	15	Total	\$222	30	\$578	10	\$800	40

#### CAMDEN DISTRICT.

Camden Station	\$25	001	\$59	00	\$84	00	Lapile Circuit	\$30*	00	\$36	001	\$66	00
Ouachita Circuit													85
Lewisville Circuit	5	00	15	00'	20	00	Bright Star Circuit			12	20	12	20
El Dorado Circuit	25	00	84	00	109	00	Camden Circuit	4		25	00	29	80
Magnolia Station	7	50	25	50	33	00	Falcon Circuit	7	35	22	10	29	45
Magnolia Circuit					22								
Hampton Circuit							Total	\$170	70	\$448	50	\$619	20
Carolina and Mt. Vernon	10	00	25	00	35	00					]		
							1	(			-		

#### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

Arkadelphia Station	\$37	00	\$112	50	\$149	50	Hot Springs Circuit	\$7	50]	\$17	05	\$24	55
Clark Circuit	25	00	80	00	105	00	Malvern Station	35	00	102	00	137	00
Amity Circuit		00	35	00	55	00	Malvern Circuit	5	00	8	15	13	15
Gurdon Circuit		50	14	00	19	50	Social Hill Circuit	8	00	10	00	18	00
Caddo Circuit		40	10	10	20	50	Tulip Circuit			40			
Cedar Glades Mission		15	8	50	11	65	Princeton Circuit	25	00	75	00	100	00
Mt. Ida Circuit			16										
Hot Springs Station	11	00	33	00	44	00	Total	\$216	30	\$561	35	\$777	65

#### WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Washington Circuit	\$15	00	\$50	251	\$65	25	Cove Mission			******	[		
Fulton Circuit	11	75	40	80	52	15	Chapel Hill Circuit	\$5	00	\$10	00	\$15	00
Hope Station	19	60	49	00	68	60	Locksburg Circuit	5	00	31	00	36	00
Prescott Station	15	25	40	00	55	25	Richmond & R'ky Comf.	13	00	30	00	43	00
Midway Circuit	26	00	75	00			Little River Circuit		20	10	65	14	85
Mineral Springs Circuit.		00	25	00	30	00	Texarkana Circuit	1	00	5	00	6	00
Center Point Circuit		00	33	00	48	00	Murfreesboro Circuit	15	00	8	00	23	00
Saline Circuit	2	00	9	50	- 11	50							
Dallas Circuit							Total	\$152	80	\$413	20	\$566	00

#### RECAPITULATION.

DISTRICTS.	Domestic.	Foreign.	Total.
Little Rock District	\$241 50	\$577 75	<b>\$</b> 819 25
Pine Bluff District	135 65	416 75	552 40
Monticello District	222 30	578 10	800 40
Camden District	170 70	448 50	619 20
Arkadelphia District	216 30	561 35	777 6
Washington District	152 80	413 20	566 00
Total	\$1,139 25	\$2,995 65	\$4,134 9
Anniversary collection	32 85	32 90	65 78
Collected on last year's subscription	10 00	10 00	20 00
Collected on last year's subscription  Amount on hand for which I have no voucher*	39 75	40 00	79 7
Grand total	<b>\$1,221</b> 85	\$3,078 55	\$4,300 4

<sup>\*</sup>I suppose this item occurred in the confusion of the anniversary.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

#### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1885.

Little Rock District.	Galloway Mission	\$150
	Little Rock City	
	Pine Bluff Mission	
Camden District,	Harmony Grove Mission	150
Arkadelphia District,	Cedar Glades Mission	200
	Little River Mission	
	Cove Mission	
Washington District,	Saline Mission	50
	Collins Mission	
Monticello District,	Arkansas City Mission	100

#### ASSESSMENTS FOR 1885.

	Domestic.	Foreign.
Little Rock District	\$350	\$1,050
Pine Bluff District	350	750
Monticello District	350	1,050
Camden District		1,050
Washington District	350	1,050
Arkadelphia District		1,050
		00.000
Total	\$2,100	\$6,000

#### Horace Jewell, Secretary.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

#### SUNDAY-SCHOOL BOARD.

Clerical.-W. H. Browning, L. M. Keith, H. H. Watson, J. J. Jenkins, R. C. Atchley, J. R. Moore.

Lay. F. G. Martin, R. C. Vanhook, John P. Lowry, W. S. Jeter, E. B. Hotchkiss, I. J. Hicks.

#### · BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Clerical.—H. R. Withers, Chairman; J. R. Harvey, T. B. Morton, J. H. Riggin, C. C. Godden, J. R. Thornton.

Lay.-W. H. Wheeler, John P. Lowry, Dr. R. N. Ross, Dr. J. R. McDaniel, J. Jordan.

#### BOARD OF MISSIONS.

A. Hunter, President; Horace Jewell, Secretary; A. D. Jenkins, Treasurer; J. H. Riggin, John McLauchlan, C. C. Godden, H. D. McKinnon, B. G. Johnson, J. H. Shoppach.

#### JOINT BOARD OF FINANCE.

Clerical.—L. B. Hawley, E. L. Beard, C. D. McSwain, W. S. Scott, A. Turrentine, J. P. Holmes.

Lay.—A. R. Hazen, S. M. McGehee, R. B. Vaughan, J. P. Clark, S. Winstead, W. R. White.

#### VISITING COMMITTEE CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

R. N. Ross, M. B. Hill, A. Emonson.

#### TRUSTEES CENTRAL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.

A. Hunter, J. R. Moore, H. W. Brooks, John P. Lowry, Horace Jewell.

#### BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

A. R. Winfield, President; G. W. Mathews, Vice-president; J. C. Rhodes, Secretary; J. J. Jenkins, Treasurer; A. Hunter, H. Jewell, C. C. Godden, J. B. Bond, and J. H. Shoppach, Managers.

#### EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

Applicants for Admission.—H. Jewell.

First Year's Class.—L. M. Keith, H. H. Watson, L. B. Hawley.

Second Year.—W. J. Davis, J. J. Jenkins, Wade Preston.

Third Year.—John McLauchlan, A. D. Jenkins, E. M. Pipkin. Fourth Year.—E. N. Watson, C. D. McSwain, J. M. Cline.

#### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Little Rock (nee Ouachita) Conference was organized in 1854, at Columbus, Ga. The first session was held in December of that year at Washington, Bishop Kavanaugh presiding. The second session was held in El Dorado, Bishop Pierce presiding; the third session in Princeton, and Bishop Pierce again presided. The fourth session was held in Little Rock, and we again had Bishop Kavanaugh. Here we had our first election for delegates to the General Conference. Hunter Moores Ratcliff and the writer were elected. Our fifth session was held in Arkadelphia, Bishop Early presiding—the first and only time he visited Arkansas. Our sixth session was held in Monticello. Bishop Kavanaugh was expected to preside, but failed to come, and Dr. A. Hunter was elected President. Our seventh session, in 1860, was held in Pine Bluff, and we were again favored by the presidency of Bishop Pierce. In 1861 our eighth session was held in Camden, Bishop Paine presiding—the only time he ever held our Conference. For three years' sessions we had no Bishop, being cut off by the war; still we continued to convene regularly. In 1862 we met at Tulip, Dr. Hunter presiding. He again presided when we met at Lewisville, 1863. In 1864 we met at Columbia Campground, in Columbia county, and the Rev. W. P. Ratcliff presided. We met at El Dorado in 1865, and Dr. Hunter presided again. El Dorado in 1865, and Dr. Hunter presided again. In 1866 we met at Arkadelphia, Bishop Pierce presiding. We met at Des Arc in 1867, with Bishop Marvin in the chair. It was the only visit we ever had from him. We again had Bishop Pierce in 1868 at Warren, and in 1869 at Magnolia. Bishop Keener held our next session at Washington. Bishop McTyeire met us in 1871 at Little Rock, and in 1872 we had Bishop Wightman with us at Pine Bluff. In 1873 we again had Bishop Pierce with us at Camden. In 1874 we were again presided over by Bishop Kavanaugh at Monticello. In 1875 we were met and presided over by Bishop Wightman at Mineral Springs. In 1876 we met again in Arkadelphia, with Bishop Keener in the chair. In 1877 we met at Monticello, with Bishop Kavanaugh again President. Our next session, in 1878, was held at Hot Springs, with Bishop Doggett in the chair—his only visit to our Conference. In 1879 we are again in the good old town of Camden, with Bishop Pierce in the chair; and in 1880 he meets us at Prescott, taking the place of dear Bishop Wightman. In 1881 we are again assembled in the Bluff City, with Bishop McTyeire in the chair. In 1882 Bishop Wilson, of the new bench of Bishops, presides over us at Hope. In 1883 another new one in the person of Bishop Granbery calls us to order at Malvern. In 1884 still another new one, Bishop Hargrove, in the chair. And this little unostentations pamphlet contains the Minutes of this session. Read carefully and ponder well figures and facts. Of all the members who composed the first Conference only Hunter and the two Winfields are now on the effective list. Our Conference has grown wonderfully in that time. God buries his workmen, but carries on his work.

#### SKETCHES OF PREACHERS.

Andrew Hunter was born in the county of Antrim, Ireland, on the 26th of December, 1814. The family moved to the United States and settled in Eastern Pennsylvania when he was about two years of age. The mother, before leaving Ireland, had heard Gideon Ousley, one of Mr. Wesley's early preachers, in the market-house of the county-town, and was awakened and converted, and united with the Presbyterian Church. The father died when Andrew was about eight years of age. He was confined to his bed for a long time, was visited frequently by the Methodist minister, professed religion, and died happy. The visits of this minister to the family resulted in the union of the widow with the Methodist Church, and consequently the whole family, consisting of three brothers and a

sister, became Methodists. Andrew was converted on the last night of January, 1833; was received on trial at the first session of the Arkansas Conference, held at Batesville in the fall of 1836. At that time the Conference embraced the State, the Indian Territory west, and all North Louisiana. He has traveled circuits, filled stations, been presiding elder, was agent of the American Bible Society six years, and now, in his seventy-first year, is hoping for eternal life through the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- A. R. Winfield, D.D., was born in Sussex county, Va., October 27, 1822, of Methodist parents. His was ever a preacher's home. He moved to West Tennessee in 1836, was converted in June, 1845, was licensed to preach in 1846, and admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference the same month and year; transferred to Arkansas in 1849, and was stationed at Batesville; was transferred to the Ouachita Conference in 1854, and has been on the effective list since. He is now city missionary in Little Rock, and editor of the Arkansas Methodist—yet active, and promises good work for the Church.
- A. B. Winfield was born in Sussex county, Va., November 25, 1824; was converted in 1839; licensed to preach November, 1846, by the Quarterly Conference of Holly Springs Circuit, Memphis Conference; admitted on trial in said Conference in 1847, at Jackson, Tenn.; transferred to Arkansas Conference in 1852, and stationed at Batesville; came to Ouachita Conference in 1854. He has traveled circuits, filled stations and districts, and though in feeble health he is still active, and is now preacher in charge of Clarke Circuit.
- W. J. Davis was born in Chambers county, Ala., April 9, 1837; professed religion in early life, and was licensed to preach in 1859; joined the Ouachita Conference in the same year, and has been an effective preacher every year but one, and that was 1883, when he was superannuated. He was a private in the First Arkansas regiment, and then for two years chaplain to that regiment. He is now preacher in charge on Locksburg Circuit, Washington District, Little Rock Conference.
- John F. Carr was born in Tennessee, July 28, 1834; moved to Arkansas in 1844; joined the Church in 1845, and was licensed to preach August 24, 1853; joined the Arkansas Conference in November of the same year, and has continued in the regular itinerant work ever since, except two years in the Confederate army. Throughout his ministerial life he has manifested thorough consecration to the work of the Master; as he grows older it seems to increase. He is now stationed at Pine Bluff, one of our most important works, and gives promise of many years of usefulness to the Church.
- David T. Holmes was born in Green county, Ga., June 16, 1832; joined the Church in 1844; was licensed to preach in July, 1853, and in December following was admitted on trial in the Georgia Conference. In 1857 he responded to Bishop Pierce's call for volunteers to go to Kansas, and was stationed in Leavenworth City. At the close of this year, his health having failed, he returned to Georgia. In 1858 he was reädmitted into the Florida Conference; in 1861 was transferred back to the Georgia Conference; in 1865 was placed on the superannuated list of this Conference, and at the close of this year was transferred to the Little Rock Conference. In 1871 he was put in charge of the Asbury Manual Labor School, Indian Mission Conference, where he remained till 1873. He then returned to Arkansas, and in 1875 was reädmitted in the Little Rock Conference, where he traveled in the regular work till 1881; this year he was granted a supernumerary relation. In 1882 he was appointed to the Arkadelphia District; 1883–84 to the Washington District, where he has been again appointed for the year 1885.

LEWIS B. HAWLEY was born in Virginia, November 21, 1845; professed religion and joined the Church in 1867, and was licensed to preach the following year; ordained deacon by Bishop Wightman at Pine Bluff in 1872; ordained elder by

Bishop Keener at Arkadelphia in 1876, at which time and place he was admitted on trial into the traveling connection, and was appointed to Richmond Circuit; 1877-78 to Richmond and Rocky Comfort; 1878-79 to Washington Circuit; 1879-80 to Washington and Fulton; 1880-83 returned to Fulton Station; 1883-84 appointed to Benton Station; 1884-85 returned to Benton Station.

John H. Riggin was born in Pittsville, Md., October 7, 1834. Reared by religious parents, and carefully instructed in all the doctrines of the Methodist Church, it may be said of him that from a child he has been made to know the Holy Scriptures. He joined the M. E. Church, South, in Missouri in September, 1856, and was licensed to preach at Glasgow, Mo., July 16, 1860. In 1861 he became connected with the Confederate army, and in 1863, was appointed chaplain, which office he held till the close of the war. In 1865 he was admitted on trial in the Ouachita (Little Rock) Conference. He has remained in this Conference ever since the above date, ever on the effective list, and always reports ready for duty. He has been for two years on the Pine Bluff District, where he has been appointed again for 1885.

G. W. Matthews was born in Virginia, September 19, 1826; was converted and joined the M. E. Church in September, 1842; was licensed to preach in 1856, and ordained deacon in 1865. Having filled several charges on the northern borders of Southern Methodism, he was received on trial in the Virginia Conference in November, 1871; ordained elder by Bishop Pierce, and transferred to the Little Rock Conference. Since his arrival here he has filled some of our best works—two years presiding elder on the Camden District. This year he was appointed to New Edinburgh Circuit.

James E. Caldwell was born in Saline county, Ark., September 23, 1833; professed religion and joined the M. E. Church, South, in April, 1851; was licensed to preach while attending La Grange College, Tenn., in September, 1852, and was admitted on trial in the Arkansas Conference in October, 1853. This our beloved brother has received twenty-one appointments in this Conference, and his labors have been fruitful of much good. He has for several years been on the superannuated list of our Conference—his inability caused by deafness. Beloved by all, he yet does all in his power for the Church he loves so dearly.

Thomas H. Ware was born in Talladega, Ala., March 2, 1846; moved to Arkansas in 1858; was converted and joined the Church in 1868; was licensed to preach at Hampton, October 31, 1868; was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in November of the same year; was ordained deacon in 1870, and elder in 1874. He has served as great a variety of works perhaps as any member of our Conference, filling circuits, stations, and districts alike acceptably. He is of Methodist parents of Irish and Scotch descent. He has served two years on the Monticello District, to which he has been returned for this year.

John McLauchlan was born in Forfar, Scotland, December 13, 1825; trained according to the tenets of Scotch-Presbyterian faith. He, with his parents, emigrated to America in 1833. He was educated at Livingston, N. Y.; was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1848, in Kentucky. In February, 1873, he was licensed to preach, and in December following was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference, and has been regularly engaged in the itinerant work, serving circuits, stations, and districts. He is now stationed at Camden, one of our most important works.

ROBERT C. ATCHLEY was born in Saline county, Ark., September 26, 1839; joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1852; was licensed to exhort October 8, 1857; licensed to preach September 25, 1858; was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in November of the same year. He has been a regular field-hand, filling all the works assigned him with great acceptability and profit to the Church. He is now in charge of Princeton Circuit.

L. M. Keith was born in Calhoun county, Ala., August 4, 1851; converted and joined the Methodist Church at Harkis's Chapel, in St. Clair county, Ala., September 12, 1870; licensed to preach at Mt. Tabor Church, Amity Circuit, in Clark county, Ark., October 28, 1876, Rev. J. C. Rhodes preacher in charge; admitted to the traveling connection of Little Rock Conference at Arkadelphia, Ark., December 13, 1876; traveled Mazurn Mission 1877, Maumelle Circuit 1878; was ordained deacon by Bishop David S. Doggett at Hot Springs, Ark., December 1, 1878; traveled Collegeville Circuit 1879–80; was ordained elder by Bishop George F. Pierce at Prescott, Ark., November 28, 1880; was stationed at Washington, Ark., 1881–2, at Malvern Junction 1883, and at Hamburg, Ark., 1884–5.

AMBROSE D. JENKINS was born in Ouachita county, Ark., September 5, 1846; was reared by Methodist parents. He became religious when about eleven years old, and joined the Methodist Church. He was educated at McKenzie College, Texas; was licensed to preach in 1867, and in November of 1868 was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference. From the date of his admission he has been an active preacher—serving as junior preacher in charge of missions, circuits, and stations—doing good work and carrying a holy influence wherever he goes; 1885 will complete his fourth year at Carlisle.

ZACHARY T. McCann was born in Talladega county, Ala., September 1, 1848; moved to Arkansas in 1859; converted and joined the Church September, 1869; licensed to preach November 16, 1872; admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in December of the same year. He has remained on the active list without intermission or cessation of labor. He is now in charge of Hickory Plains Circuit.

H. WARREN BROOKS was born at Lexington, Tenn., November 4, 1857; graduated at South-western Baptist University in 1876; was licensed to preach October, 1877; was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference in November of the same year, and transferred to the Arkansas Conference; was transferred to the Little Rock Conference in 1881. He has filled successfully several important circuits, and is now stationed at Des Arc.

A. Turrentine was born in Sevier county, Ark., January 16, 1851; professed religion and joined the Methodist Church in 1870; was licensed to preach in the summer of 1879, and admitted on trial in December of the same year. His labors have been acceptable and fruitful. He is now in charge of the Princeton Circuit.

WILLIAM S. SCOTT, M.D., was born in Henry county, Tenn., January 11, 1853 professed religion in 1872, and joined the M. E. Church, South, in 1876; graduated in the medical department of the Vanderbilt University, at Nashville, February, 1876; was licensed to preach February 14, 1878; received on trial in the Tennessee Conference, October, 1878; transferred to the Arkansas Conference October, 1883; by request of Bishop Granbery he was transferred to the Little Rock Conference November of the same year, and appointed to Selma Circuit, to which he has been returned for the year 1885.

John R. Sanders was born in Clarke county, Ark., June 18, 1850. This brother first comes to the front in the capacity of "printer's devil" in the office of the Arkansas Christian Advocate, in the city of Little Rock, in 1866. He professed religion and joined the Church in 1867. In 1868 he returned to Arkadelphia, and was employed in the Gazette office. He was at one time one of the owners and publishers of the Southern Standard, at Arkadelphia. In 1874 he was licensed to preach; was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in 1881. He has been returned this year—his second—to Washington Circuit.

SAMUEL H. PARKER was born in Madison county, Tenn., July 8, 1852; professed religion and joined the Church in 1867; was licensed to preach July, 1871; was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference November, 1882; having been received into full connection at our late session, he is filling his second year on the Palestine Circuit.

E. N. Evans was born in Calhoun county, Ala., January 19, 1857; moved with his parents to Arkansas in 1859; professed religion and joined the Church in 1868; was licensed to preach in March, 1879, and was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Conference in December of the same year; traveled three years, and located in November, 1872; spent one year at Emory College, Ga.; was received back into the same Conference in November, 1883, and stationed at Arkansas City, and at our late session was appointed to Spring Street Station, Little Rock, for 1885.

A. O. Evans was born in Calhoun county, Ala., January 16, 1857; moved to Arkansas with his parents in 1859; professed religion and joined the Church in 1870; was licensed to preach in 1880; spent three years as student in the literary and theological departments of Vanderbilt University; filled the unexpired term of Rev. A. Monk, at Camden, in the fall of 1883; was admitted on trial in November of the same year and stationed at Lonoke, to which place he has been returned for the present year.

LUKE G. JOHNSON was born in Oglethorpe county, Ga., near Lexington, June 22, 1859; converted and joined the Church October, 1875; was licensed to preach May, 1881, by Rev. R. W. Bigham; joined the North Georgia Conference the same year, and was transferred to the Little Rock Conference by Bishop McTyeire; was ordained deacon at Malvern, Ark., in November, 1883, by Bishop Granbery.

H. Jewell was born in Nelson county, Ky., December 3, 1832; was converted at Pond Camp-ground in September, 1853; was licensed to preach September, 1855; was received into the traveling connection in the Memphis Conference in the fall of the same year, and appointed to the Hickman Circuit, Wade H. Frost senior preacher; ordained deacon in 1857 by Bishop Paine, at Holly Springs, Miss.; ordained elder by Bishop Andrew, at Memphis, Tenn., in 1859; transferred the same year to the Ouachita Conference, and is now stationed at First Church, Little Rock, Ark.

RUFFIN T. DAVIS joined the Methodist Church on the 26th day of September, 1868, and was converted on Friday night, the 31st; licensed to preach the 30th day of September, 1871, by the Quarterly Conference of Bayou Sara Circuit, Mississippi Conference, Rev. J. L. Forsyth, presiding elder; recommended by the same Quarterly Conference, August, 1873, to the Mississippi Annual Conference, and received on trial at Hazlehurst, Miss.; was ordained deacon by Bishop Wightman, at Natchez, Miss., December 19, 1875; transferred to the Little Rock Conference December, 1884, and appointed to the Hazen Circuit.

J. J. Jenkins was born in Ouachita county, Ark., August 15, 1852; was converted and received into the M. E. Church, South, in 1869; licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of the Ouachita Circuit, Camden District, Little Rock Conference, on the 26th of September, 1874; admitted on trial into the Little Rock Conference December 10, 1875, at Mineral Springs; ordained deacon by Bishop Kavanaugh at Monticello, 1877; ordained elder by Bishop Pierce at Camden, 1879.

C. C. Godden was born in Morristown, in the State of New Jersey, on the 25th day of July, 1838; was brought up on a farm; went to school in the winter, and worked during the summer in the field, with the exception of two years spent at Wabash College; studied law one year with Judge Sullivan, one of the ex-Supreme Judges of Indiana; also for a time with Judge Vary, of Ala. After obtaining lice se to practice law, he removed to DeWitt, Ark., in October, 1859, where he practiced law before and after the war; was State's Attorney for two years of that time. In August, 1869, he was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, under the ministry of Dr. A. Hunter; licensed to preach September, 1871, by the DeWitt Quarterly Conference, Rev. R. S. Hunter, presiding elder; was a local preacher for a time, but in the month of November, 1872, he was admitted on trial into

the Little Rock Annual Conference, and appointed to the DeWitt Circuit, traveling that circuit two years. On the 30th day of November, 1873, he was ordained deacon by Bishop George F. Pierce; was ordained elder December 13, 1874, by Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh. His appointments so far have been as follows: two years on the DeWitt Circuit, three years on the Plum Bayou Circuit, two years at Camden Station, two years at First Church, Little Rock, and is now in his fourth year on the Little Rock District.

- E. N. Watson was born in Saline county, Ark., November 15, 1839; was converted in childhood. From infancy a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he was licensed to preach September 3, 1859, by Rev. J. B. Annis. In the following November he was admitted on trial into the Ouachita Conference; four years subsequently was ordained both deacon and elder by Bishop Pierce, since which time he has been continuously in the itinerancy; is now pastor of Benton Circuit.
- W. A. STEELE was born January 1, 1858, in Poroclifta, Ark.; professed religion September 7, 1870, and joined the Church September 10, 1870; was licensed to exhort September 19, 1877, and licensed to preach by the Rev. C. O. Steele, presiding elder of Washington District, June 1, 1878; was admitted into the Little Rock Conference on trial in December, 1881; and was ordained deacon in Hope, Ark., by Bishop A. W. Wilson, November, 1882.
- J. R. Moore was born in Macon county, Ala., December 3, 1848. Early in life he removed to Darlington District, S. C., where he was brought up. His parents were very religious, and he was tenderly reared. He was converted when ten years old. At that early age he was impressed that it would be his duty to preach, but his aversion to the work of the ministry was so great that he backslid. Arriving at young manhood, he was reclaimed, and the call to the ministry repeated. Again he backslid; but in August, 1874, he again experienced peace by trusting Christ, after solemnly promising God to do any thing that he required. In April, 1876, he was licensed to preach by the Quarterly Conference of Austin Circuit, Rev. A. Hunter, presiding elder; was received on trial in the Little Rock Conference in 1877; ordained deacon at Camden by Bishop Pierce in 1879, and elder at Hope by Bishop Wilson in 1882.

#### OUR CHURCH HISTORY.

#### PROGRESS OF METHODISM.

From the year 1773—the first year in which the Minutes were published—to the year 1832, a period of fifty-nine years, the majority of the Methodist people in America resided in the Southern States. In order to show the progress by sections, we have divided the numbers accordingly, giving to each section its number in every year from 1773 to 1844. Under the term "Southern States" we include all of those States in which African slavery existed in 1860. Included in the "Northern States" are returns from Nova Scotia and from Canada. These, when omitted, will be marked by a foot-note.

#### METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH MEMBERS.

TABLE I.

	SOUTHER	N STATES			Northe	RN STATES	3.
Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.
1773	600			1773	560		
1774	1,354	125.66		1774	719	28.39	
1775	2,429	79.39		1775	764	6.25	
1776	4,398	81.06		1776	523		46.08
1777	6,480	47.33		1777	488		7.17
1778	6,095*						
1779	8,258†	27.43†		1779	319		14.13
1780	8,118		1.69	1780	386	21.00	11.10
1781	9,756	20.17		1781	783	102.84	
1782	10,601	8.65		1782	1,184	51.08	
1783	12,117	14.30		1783	1,623	37.07	• • • • •
1784	13,381‡	10.43		1784	1,607		.98
1785	Total numb	per of men			,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,		
1786	16,747	25.15		1786	2,934	82.57	
1787	21,818	30.28		1787	4,024	37.15	
1788	32,080	47.03		1788	5,274	31.06	
1789	36,898	15.01		1789	6,364	20.66	
1790	46,951	24.53		1790	10,680	67.80	
1791	65,453	39.40		1791	10,700	.19	
1792	54,364%		16.94	1792	11,616	8.56	
1793	54,913	1.00		1793		9.59	
1794	52,396		4.58	1794		11.64	
1795	46,530		11.14	1795	13,737		
1796	44,940		3.41	1796			14.65
1797	45,151	.47		1797	13,512	15.25	22.00
1798	43,865		2.84	1798		20.66	

<sup>\*</sup>The British troops were in possession of New York and Philadelphia, hence there are no returns from those churches. †Compared with returns of 1777. ‡In 1784, at the organization of Methodism, the Southern States had more than eight members to one in the North. ¿The influence of the O'Kelley secession, and the "Republican Methodist" movement, manifests itself here, and it will be seen affecting the returns in the South, up to the year 1803. | Canada Conference omitted.

	Souther	N STATES.			NORTHE	RN STATES	s.
Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.
1799	43,373		1.12	1799	17,978	10.26	
1800	45,222	4.26		1800	19,672	9.42	
1801	50,354	11.34		1801	22,522	14.48	
1802	60,969	21.08		1802	25,765	14.26	
1803	68,237	17.56		1803	35,833	39.07	
1804	70,563	3.41		1804	42,571	18.80	
1805	76,069	7.80		1805	43,885	3.08	
1806	84,334	10.86		1806	46,136	5.22	
1807	96,118	13.97		1807	48,481	5.08	
1808	98,162	2.12		1808	53.820	11.10	
1809	101,599	3.48		1809	61,439	14.15	• • • • •
1810	105,961	4.29		1810	68,599	11.65	
1811	111,473	5.20		1811	73,094	6.55	
		8.39					• • • • •
1812	120,826		• • • • • •	1812	74,539	1.96	
1813	132,840	10.90	9.00	1813	80,197	7.60	• • • • •
1814	128,774	0.00	3.06	1814	82,355	2.63	
1815	131,399	2.03		1815	79,766	*****	3.1
1816	128,797		1.98	1816	85,438	7.11	
1817	131,179	1.84		1817	93,674	9.65	
1818	128,760		1.84	1818	100,867	7.57	
1819	125,424		2.59	1819	115,500	14.50	
1820	139,831	11.48	• • • • • •	1820	120,459	4.29	
1821	151,002	7.98		1821	130,144	8.04	
1822	162,676	7.73		1822	134,946	3.68	
1823	165,337	1.63		1823	147,203	9.08	
1824	178,294	7.83		1824	150,229*	2.05	
1825	192,493	7.96		1825		3.64	
1826	191,646		.44	1826	169,154	8.63	
1827	197,409	3.00		1827	184,588	9.12	
1828	225,419	14.18		1828	195,737	6.03	
1829	239,216	5.76		1829		6.53	
1830	257,150	7.50		1830			
1831	266,766	3.73		1831	246,348	12.49	
1832	273,334	2.43		1832		11.76	
1833	294,473	7.50		1833		10.87	
1834	312,717	6.09		1834		6.81	
1835	313,100	.12		1835		5.91	• • • •
1836	313,610	.16		1836			
1837	300,878	•10	4.05	1837		5.26	
1838		0.95					
1839	307,960	2.35		1838		8.76	
	333,925	8.20		1839		4.44	
1840	381,785	14.33		1840		10.92	
1841	417,071	9.24		1841		5.48	
1842	495,201	18.73		1842		15.41	
1843	530,434	7.31		1843		11.80	
1844	541,672	2.11		1844	597,078		6.

\*Canada Conference included. † Canada Conference omitted.

There may be a few errors in this table, growing out of the fact that the Conferences on the "border" occupied territory in several States. The Philadelphia Conference, for example, embraced portions of Delaware and Maryland, whilst the Baltimore Conference occupied a portion of Pennsylvania. The names of the circuits are not always indicative of localities. But there is a near approximation to the facts in the case

#### PROGRESS OF METHODISM SINCE 1844.

In 1845, in accordance with the "Plan of Separation" adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1844, the Annual Conferences in the Southern States sent delegates to a Convention in Louisville, Ky., by whom the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized. The first report from the Southern Conferences shows a lay membership of 458,499 in 1845. In order to show the relative growth of the two Methodist Episcopal Churches since 1845, we select periods of five years, beginning with 1846.

TABLE II.

	М. Е. Спи	вси, Sout	п.	M. E. Church (North).					
Year.	Lay Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Lay Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.		
1846	455,217			1846	644,229				
1851	529,394	16.29	. ,	1851	721,804	12.04			
1856	636,714	20.27		1856	870,327	20.59			
1860*	749,068	14.99		1860*	988,523	13.58			
1866†	420,105		22.38	1866	1,032,184	4.41			
1871	605,341	44.09		1871	1,421,323	37.70			
1876	731,807	20.58		1876	1,613,560	13.49			
1881	849,818	16.12		1881	1,710,204	5.98			
1883	894,132	5.21		1883	1,769,543	3.46			

#### GROWTH IN THE PERIOD 1866-1883.

1866	1866
Increase per cent. in 17 yrs. 111.39	Increase per cent. in 17 yrs. 71.43

<sup>\*</sup>This is four years only. The troubled condition of the Southern country in 1861 prevented the collection of statistics. † As the colored members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Somb, were constituted an independent Church in 1870, we have given above only the number of white and Indian members in 1866. The actual loss by the war was 121,197 members.

In this table it will be seen that we have omitted the colored members altogether. In 1860 there were in full, members and probationers, 207,766 colored members in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In 1866 only 78,742 were reported. The results of the war alienated many of the colored people from their Southern friends, and, as a consequence, they joined other Churches. But there were a great many of the colored people who desired an independent Church organization, having friendly and fraternal relations to the Southern Methodist Church. Accordingly, in 1870, the "Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in America" was organized, their bishops being ordained by Southern Methodist bishops. We transferred not only our colored Church-members, but the Church property used by the negroes, and built by Southern Methodists, to this new organization. The growth of this Church

it is not so easy to determine, owing to defective statistics, but the "Methodist Year-book" places the present number of members at 155,000. If we include the colored members in 1866, the total number in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was 498,847. Adding the colored members in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1883, we have 1,045,318. This makes the increase only 1.85 per cent. less than that given above. So that the growth of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, colored members included, in seventeen years, 1866 to 1883, was 109.54 per cent.! We believe this fact to be without a precedent in modern times. The white members of the Southern Methodist Church were doubled in fifteen years, 1866 to 1881!

#### TABLE III.

Year.	White Members.	Colored Members.	Indian Members.	Total.
1866	419,404	78,742	701	498,847
1883	888,094	156,255	4,783	1,045,318
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Inc	rease M. E. Church,	South, in 17 years,	109.54 per cent., or	546,471

#### Comparative Growth by Sections Since 1860.

In the following table the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) resident in the Southern States are placed under the column "Southern States," and the members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, resident in Northern States are placed under the column "North ern States."

TABLE IV.

Methodists North and South since 1860.

Southern States.				NORTHERN STATES.			
Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.	Year.	Members.	Increase per cent.	Decrease per cent.
1860. 1866 1871 1876 1881 <b>1883</b>	869,367 638,204 1,006,862 1,227,527 1,403,709 1,490,372	57.76 21.91 14.35	26.59	1860 1866 1871 1876 1881 1883	/ /	2.31 22.35 16.57 1.61 2.00	

\*In this aggregate are included 42,545 members in foreign mission stations.

TABLE V.

Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church (North) Living in the South.

1860	123,692	11876	375 709
1866	139,359	1881	413.891
1871	326,995	1883	447,278

#### Religious Denominations in the United States.

In preparing the following table we have made use of all the data accessible. The records are made up from a variety of "Annuals," "Almanacs," "Year-books," and Minutes, and bring the figures up to the close of the year 1883:

TABLE XVII.

Denominations.	Churches.	Ministers.	Members.
Adventist	91	107	11,100
Adventist, Second	583	501	63,500
Adventist, Seventh-day	608	138	14,733
American Communities	14	8	2,838
	24,794	15,401	2,133,044
Baptist Anti mission	1,090	888	40,000
Baptist, Anti-mission		1,286	76,706
Baptist, Free-will	1,485	103	
Baptist, Seventh-day	87 20	17	8,606
Baptist, Six Principle			2,075
Christian (Disciples of Christ)	4,681	3,658	567,448
Congregational	3,689	3,923	383,685
Dunkards (The Brethren)	710	1,665	90,000
Episcopal, Protestant	3,049	3,513	344,888
Episcopal, Reformed	55	68	10,459
Friends	621	876	67,643
Jews	269	202	13,683
Lutheran	6,327	3,550	800,189
Menonite, New	31	44	2,990
Methodist Episcopal	18,152	12,546	1,782,090
Methodist Episcopal, South	10,105	4,179	900,069
Methodist African (Methodist Episcopal)	,	1,832	391,044
Methodist African (Methodist Episcopal Zion)		2,000	300,000
Colored Methodist Episcopal	1,038	648	155,000
Mothodist Eros	287	601	12,120
Methodist, Free	1,332		99,607
Evangelical Association	13	1,340	2,100
Methodist, Independent	121	14	
Methodist, Primitive	1,501	50	3,370
Methodist, Protestant		1,409	125,671
Methodist, Wesleyan	260	472	17,847
United Brethren in Christ	2,207	2,200	155,437
Moravian	74	96	16,112
Mormon	654	3,906	110,377
New Jerusalem (Swedenborgian)	91	81	7,434
Presbyterian (North)	5,338	5,218	600,695
Presbyterian, South	1,928	1,070	127,017
Presbyterian, Cumberland	2,474	1,386	111,858
Presbyterian, Reformed	41	31	6,020
Presbyterian, United	793	1,719	84,573
Reformed Church in America	489	500	
Reformed Church in United States	1,384	752	154,74
Roman Catholic*	5,975	6,366	
Shaker	17	68	
Unitarian Congregational	. 342	394	
United Evangelical	366		
Universalist	719	000	
	569		
Winebrennerians	009	498	20,22

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1. Joshua Soule.—Born in Maine, August 1, 1781. Entered the traveling ministry in 1799; ordained Bishop in 1824, when forty-two years old, in the twenty-fifth year of his ministry. Died near Nashville, Tennessee, March 6, 1867.

2. James O. Andrew.—Born in Wilkes county, Georgia, May 3, 1794. Entered the traveling ministry in 1812; ordained Bishop in 1832, in the thirty-ninth year of his age, and the nineteenth year of

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3. WILLIAM CAPERS.—Born in South Carolina, January 26, 1790. Entered the South Carolina Conference in 1808; ordained Bishop in 1846, aged fifty-six years, in the thirty-seventh year of his ministry. Died at Anderson Court-house, South Carolina, January 29, 1355.

4. ROBERT PAINE.—Born in Person county, North Carolina, November 12, 1799. Entered the Tennessee Conference in 1818; ordained Eishop in 1846, aged forty-six, in the twenty-eighth year of his ministry. Died in Aberdeen, Mississippi, October 19, 1882.

5. Henry B. Bascom.—Born in Hancock, Delaware county, New York, May 27, 1796. Entered the Ohio Conference in 1813; ordained Pishop in 1850, aged fifty-four, in the thirty-sixth year of his ministry.

Died September 8, 1850, in Louisville, Kentucky.

6. George F. Pierce.—Born in Greene county, Georgia, February 3, 1811. Entered the Georgia Conference in 1831; ordained Bishop in 1854, aged forty-three, in the twenty-third year of his ministry. Died nea Sparta, Ga., September 3, 1884.

7. John Early.—Born in Bedford county, Virginia, January 1, 1786. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1807; ordained Bishop in 1854, aged sixty-eight, in the forty-seventh year of his ministry. Died in Lynchburg, Virginia, November, 1873.

8. Hubbard H. Kavanaugh.—Born in Clarke county, Kentucky, January 14, 1802. Entered the Kentucky Conference in 1823; ordained Bishop in 1854, aged fifty-two years, in the thirtieth year of his ministry. Died in Columbus, Miss., March 19, 1884.

9. WILLIAM M. WIGHTMAN.—Born in Charleston, South Carolina, January 8, 1808. Entered the South Carolina Conference in 1828; ordained Bishop in 1866, aged fifty-eight, in the thirty-eighth year of his ministry. Died in Charleston, February 5, 1882.

10. ENOCH M. MARVIN.—Born in Warren county, Missouri, June 12, 1823. Entered the Missouri Conference in 1841; ordained Bishop

in 1866, aged forty-three, in the twenty-fourth year of his ministry. Died in St. Louis, Missouri, November 26, 1877.

11. DAVID S. DOGGETT.—Born in Lancaster county, Virginia, January 23, 1810. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1829; ordained Bishop in 1866, aged fifty-five, in the thirty-seventh year of his ministry. Died in Richmond, Virginia, October 27, 1880.

12. Holland N. McTyeire.—Born in Barnwell District, South Carolina, July 24, 1824. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1845; ordained Bishop in 1866, aged forty-one, in the twenty-first year of his ministry. Residence, Nashville, Tennessee.

13. John Christian Keener.—Born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, February 7, 1819. Entered the Alabama Conference in 1843; ordained Bishop in 1870, aged fifty-one, in the twenty-seventh year of his ministry. Residence, New Orleans, Louisiana.

14. Alpheus W. Wilson. Born in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, February 5, 1834. Entered the Baltimore Conference in 1853; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged forty-eight, in the twenty-ninth year of his ministry. Residence, Baltimore, Maryland.

15. Linus Parker.—Born in Rome, Oneida county, New York, April 23, 1829. Entered the Louisiana Conference in 1849; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged fifty-three, in the thirty-second year of his ministry. Residence, New Orleans, Louisiana.

16. John C. Granbery.—Born in Norfolk, Virginia, December 5, 1829. Entered the Virginia Conference in 1848; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged fifty-two, in the thirty-third year of his ministry. Residence, Richmond, Virginia.

17. ROBERT K. HARGROVE.—Born in Pickens county, Alabama, September 18, 1829. Entered the Alabama Conference in 1857; ordained Bishop in 1882, aged fifty-two, in the twenty-fourth year of his ministry. Residence, not fixed.

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1850, one bishop to		102,920	5	20
1854, one bishop to	298	86,186	7	22
1858, one bishop to	429	116,528	6	23
1866, one bishop to	248	50,510	10	27
1870, one bishop to	291	58,641	10	34
1874, one bishop to	435	89,095	8	37
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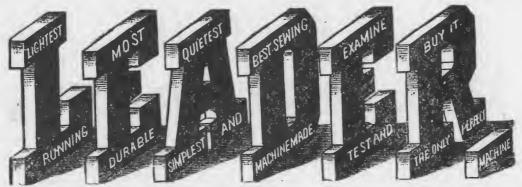
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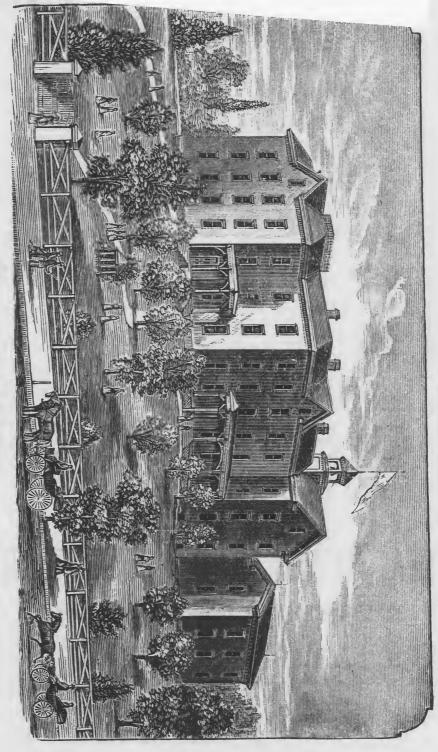
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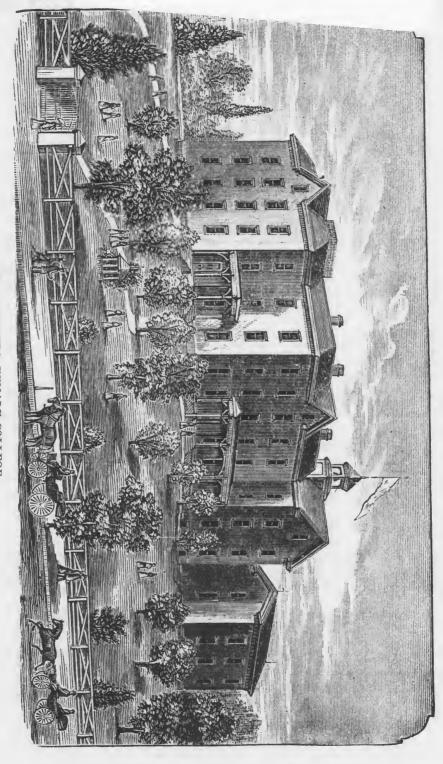
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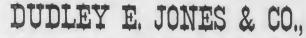
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